



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 282 - An Act Concerning the State Methadone Authority

The Department of Public Health supports Senate Bill 282

- This bill designates the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as the state methadone authority and also provides the Department with oversight responsibility of all opioid treatment programs in the state.
- Currently DPH licenses 30 detoxification facilities in the state, which provide treatment for substance abuse addiction. DMHAS and DPH are currently exploring mechanisms for oversight of such facilities, which would avoid duplicative processes or requirements by the State agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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